

Dear FCC:

I think it is outrageous that public airwaves are being controlled by private and political interests at the expense of the duty to inform the American public about what is happening in our communities and the world in an UNBIASED manner. I disagree with the permission the FCC gives to companies to own multiple media stations and control and filter the information reaching thousands of viewers. The extreme abuse that has driven me to email this complaint is the fact that Sinclair Broadcasting is requiring their stations to interrupt regular programming to air the anti-Kerry documentary "Stolen Honor" just prior to a historically important presidential election. This is blatant abuse of political influence exerted through media consolidation that is overtaking free public access to thousands of people. This is not a local television station deciding what to air for the interest of its community. It is the decision and ability of money and power in Baltimore to influence people's impressions in my home state of Kansas, as well as other more influential election swing states, right before a deeply

contested and internationally important presidential election. If the United States is to be a model of democracy, I truly believe that the American public deserves to receive better, uninterested information in the form of 'news' or 'documentaries', especially over the public airwaves. I am more interested in seeing and hearing what my neighbors' opinions are, from their own mouths and minds, and not manufactured opinions that channel down and are fed to viewers. The FCC needs to increase restrictions on media ownership and large consolidations and also needs to seriously review license renewal to guarantee that stations are forced to uphold a high standard of service to the public. Without a free press we do not have a legitimate democracy. The airing of this show "Stolen Honor" is not only in bad taste, but is criminal to me. It is basically a free advertisement being played to and paid for by the American public.

Sincerely,

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